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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Holly C. Rickman
NOBUHIRO YASUI ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 1773
Application No.: 10/656,242)
: Filed: September 8, 2003)
: For: FUNCTION DEVICE AND METHOD)
FOR MANUFACTURING THE :
SAME, PERPENDICULAR)
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, :
MAGNETIC RECORDING/)
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS :
AND INFORMATION PROCESS)
APPARATUS : July 14, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

(a) Introductory Comments

In response to the final Office Action dated April 14, 2005, please amend
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July 14, 2005

Date of Signature